

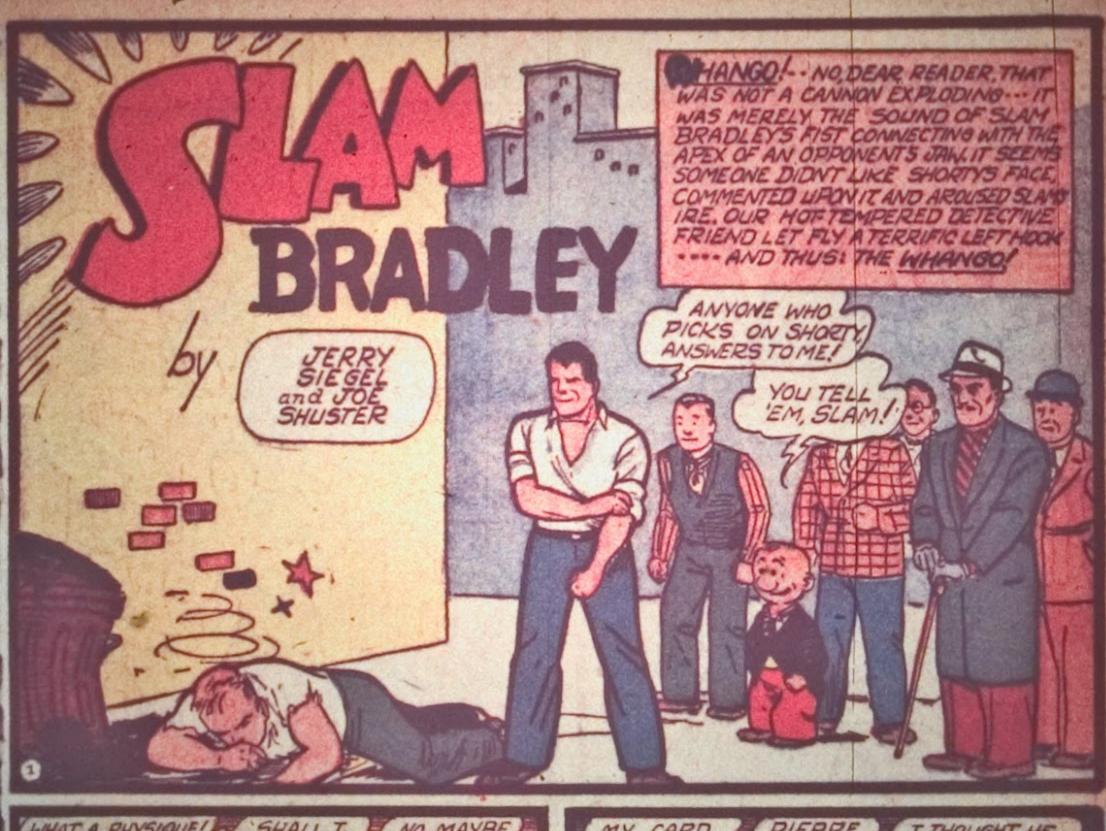


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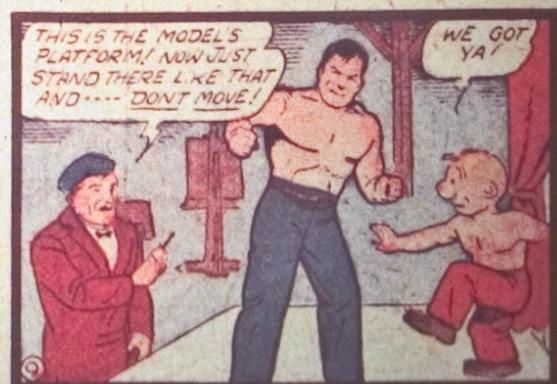












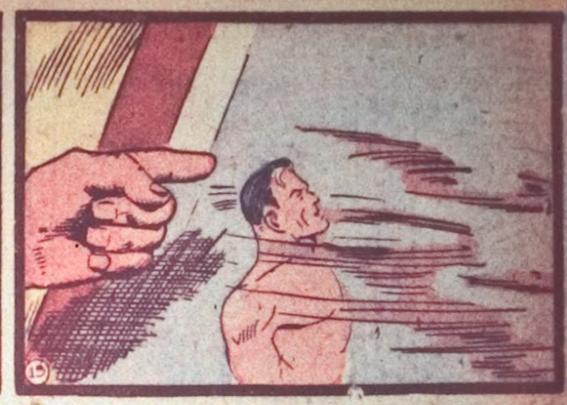


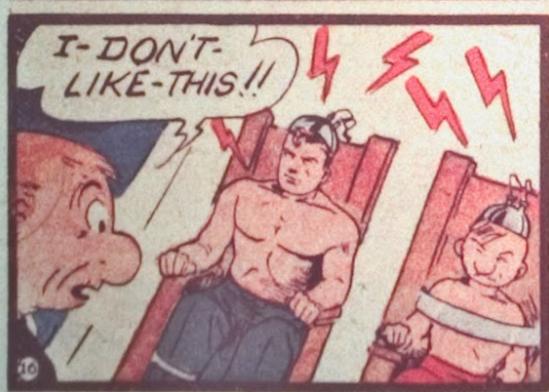






















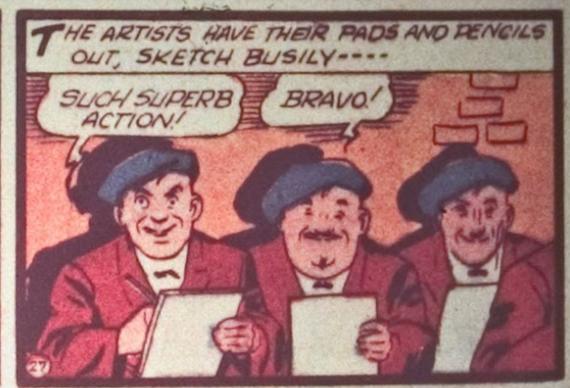




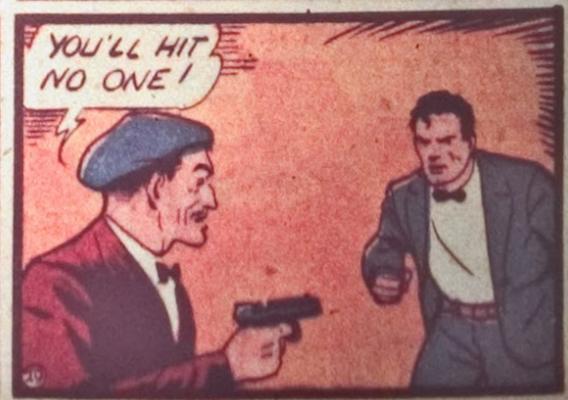














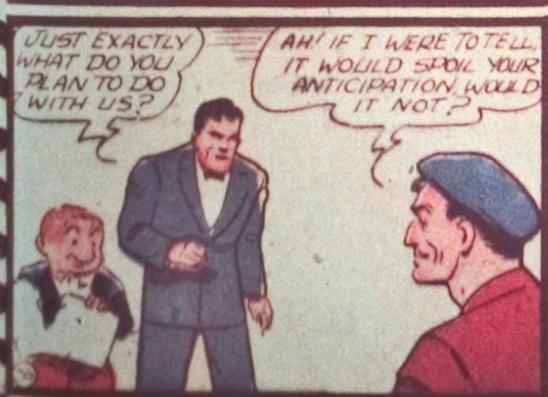




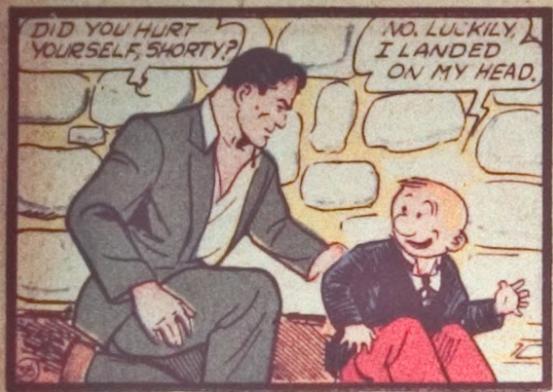




















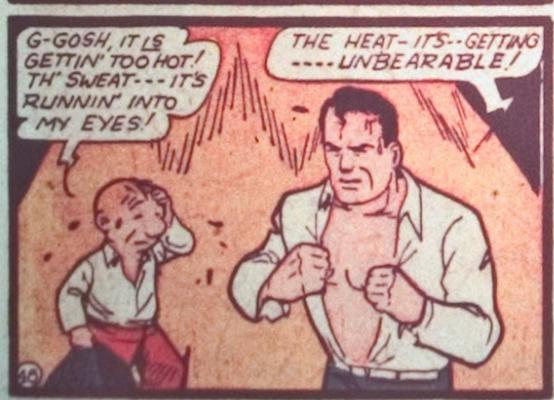












































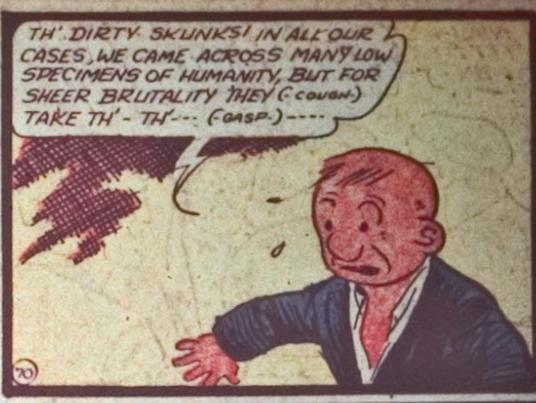


































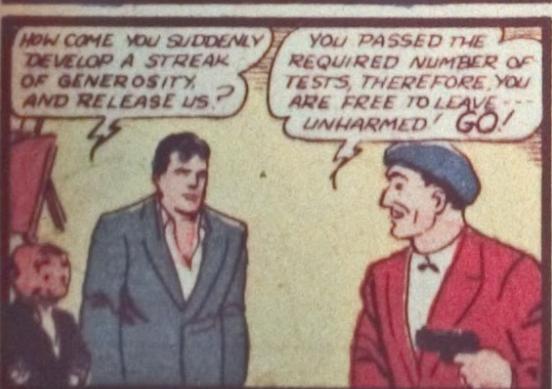


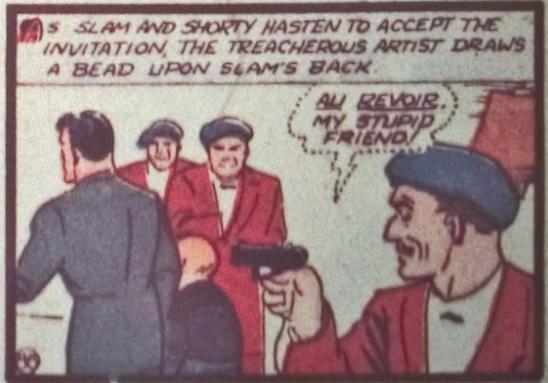


























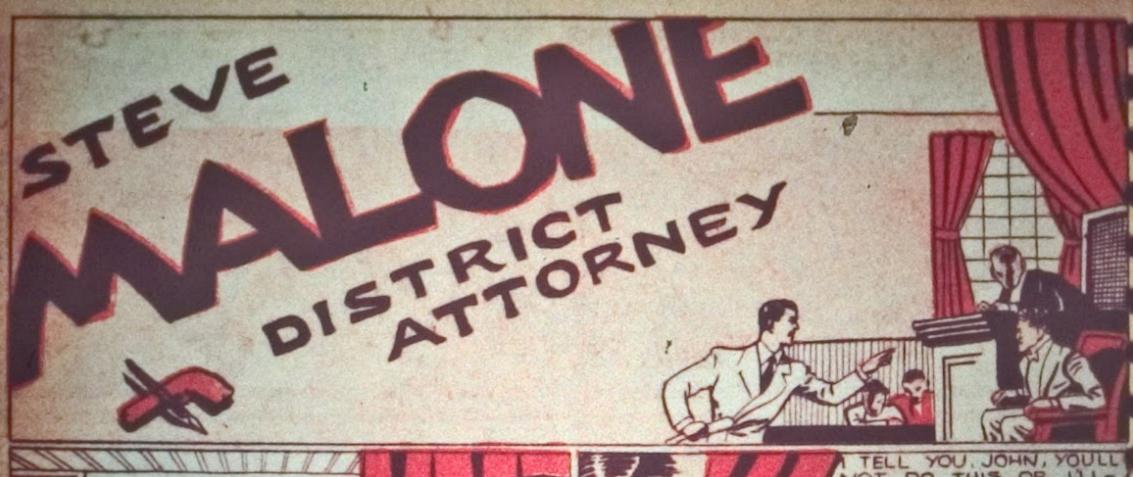














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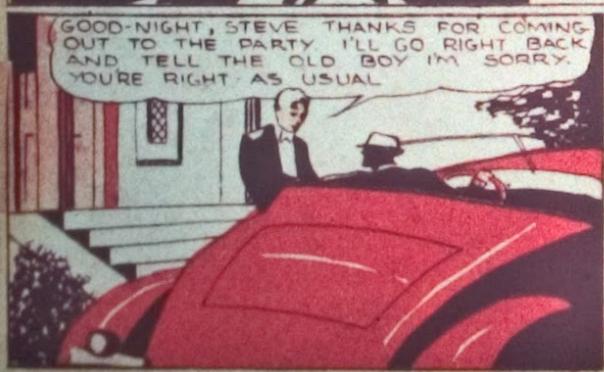


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OVERHEARS A QUARREL"

UNBEARABLE HE WON'T LET ME
MARRY NANCY- OH HE WON'T LET
ME DO, ANYTHING WITHOUT HIS
SAYSO, I TELL YOU I'M TIRED OF IT
WHY NOT GO BACK
AND APOLOGIZE
JOHN. MAKE
FRIENDS WITH
HIM AGAIN
YOU'LL WIN
HIM OVER
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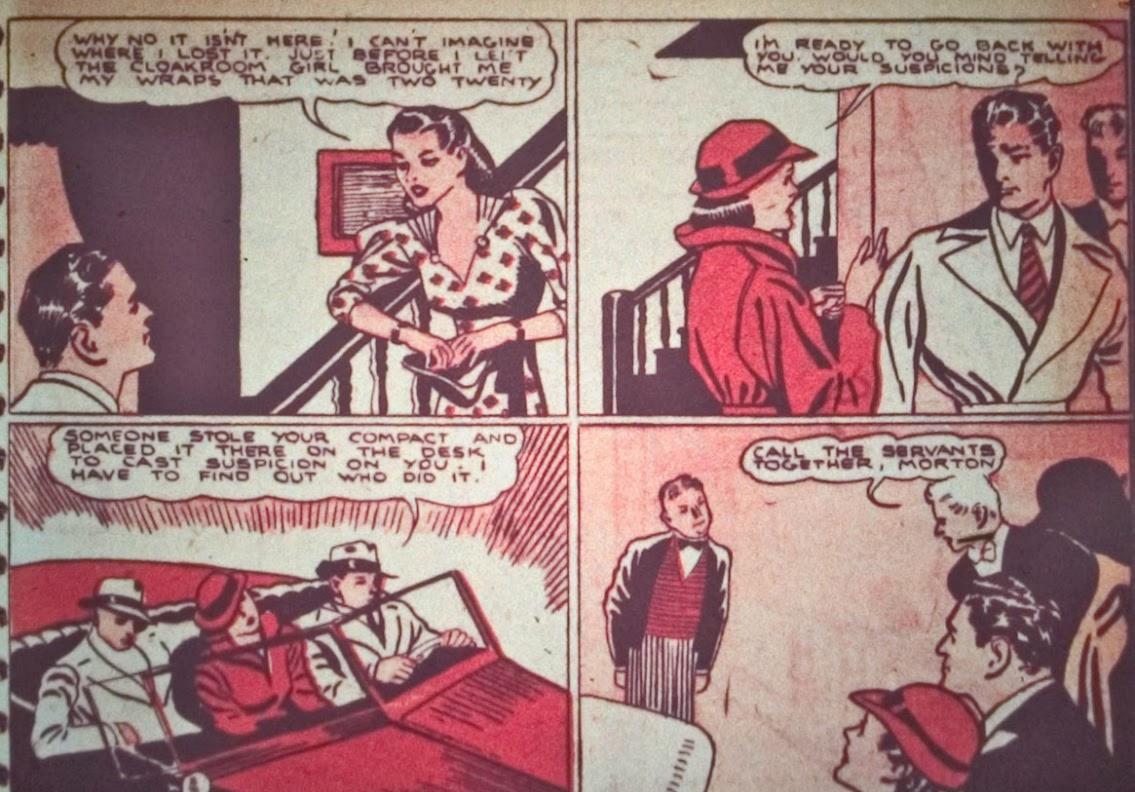






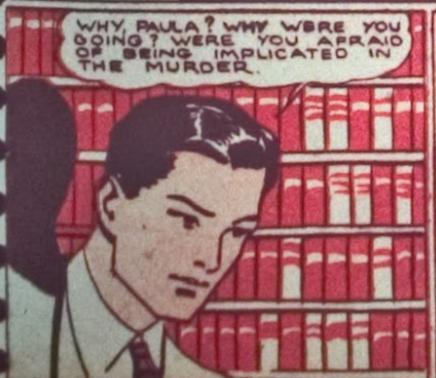




























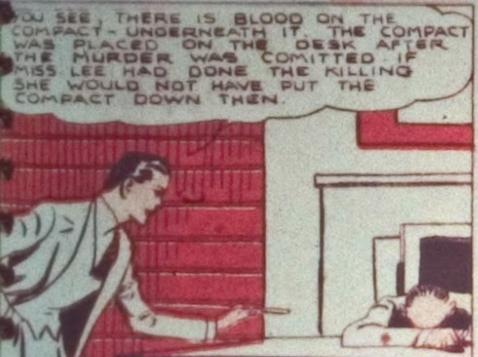








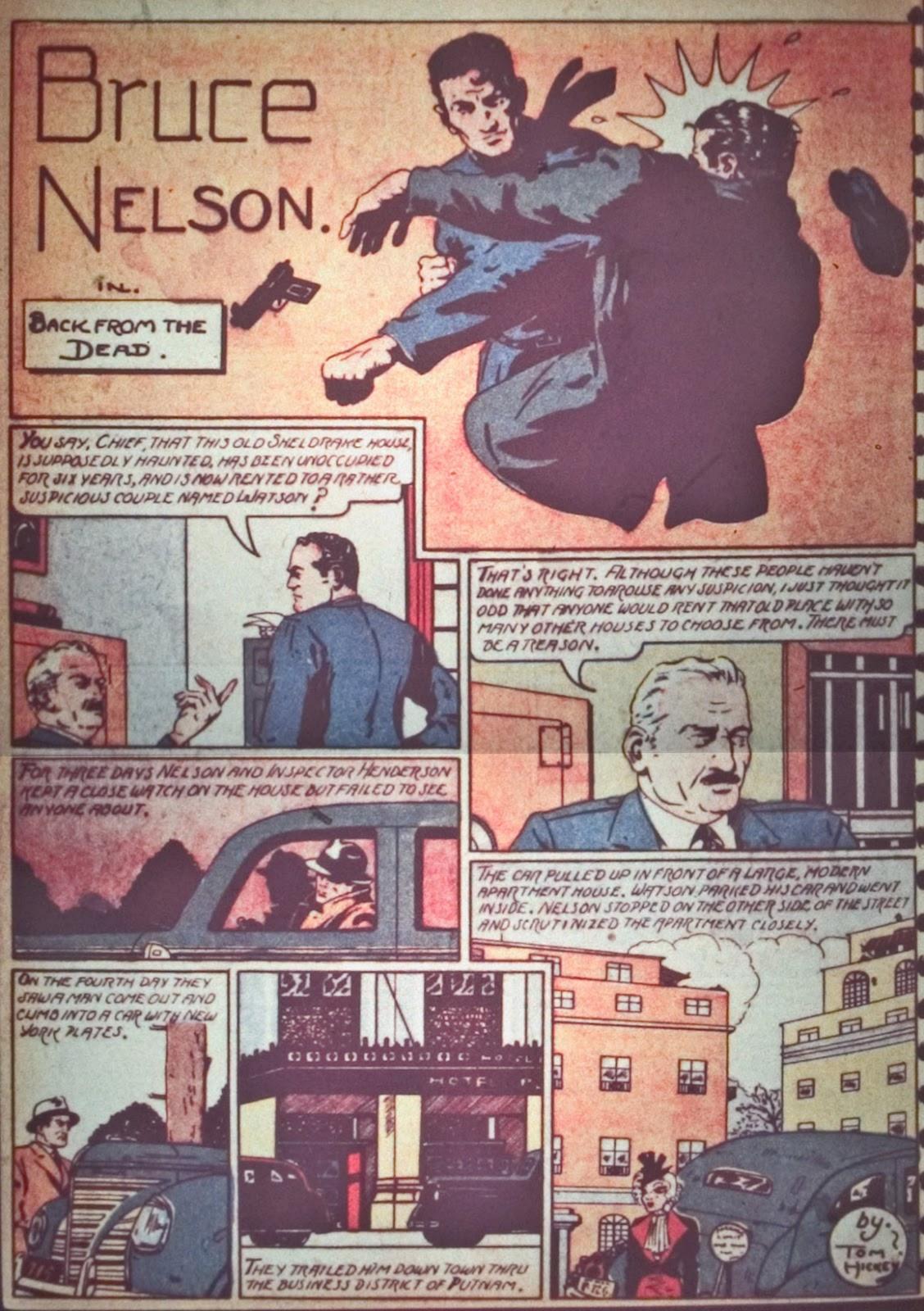


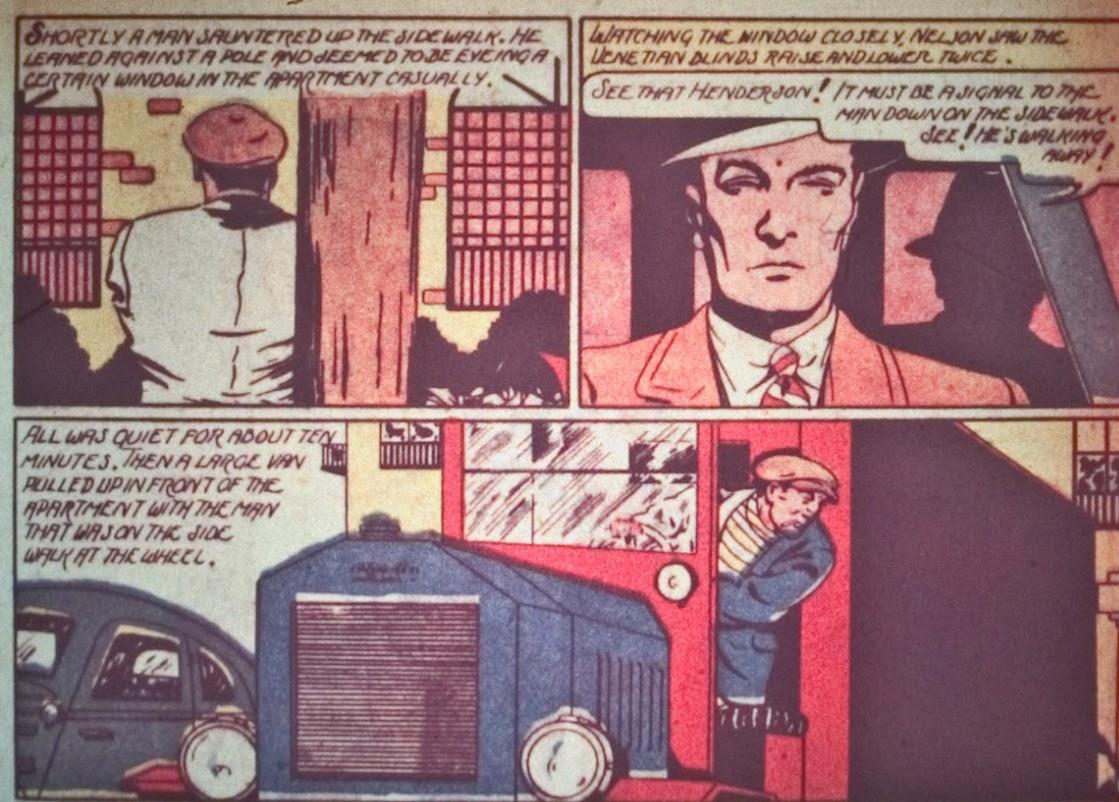
























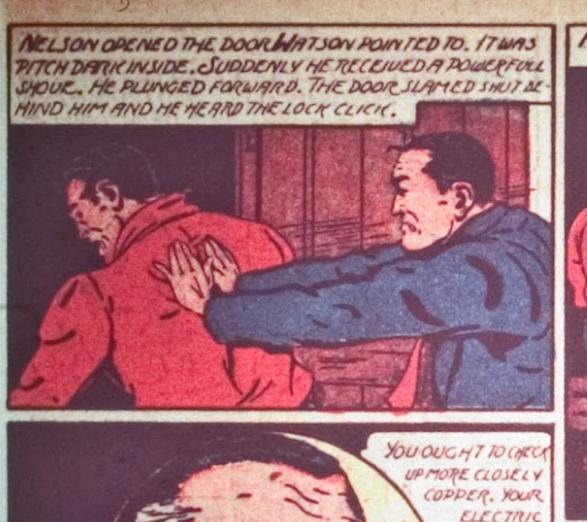




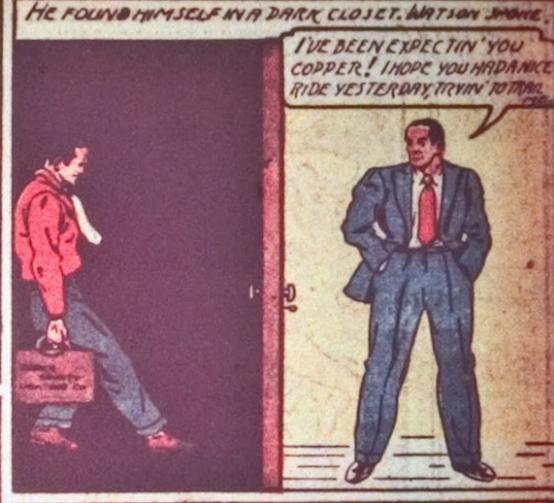


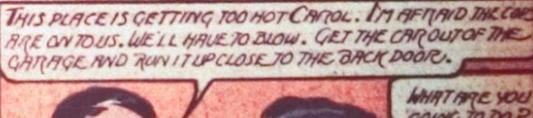




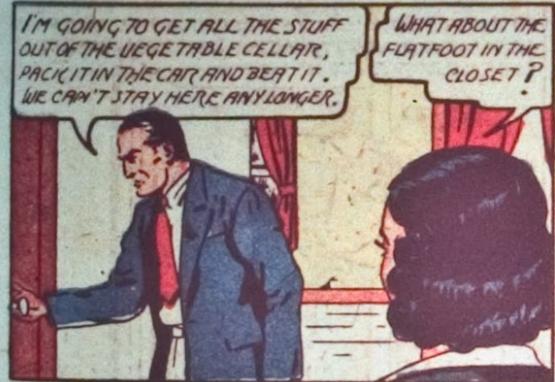








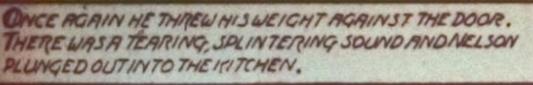




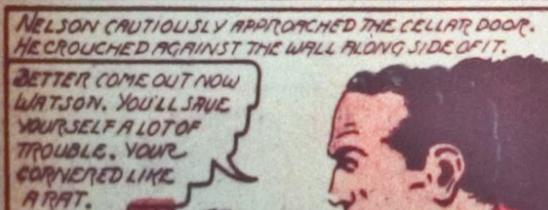




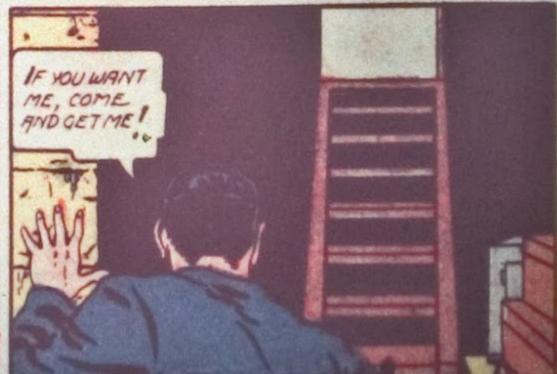


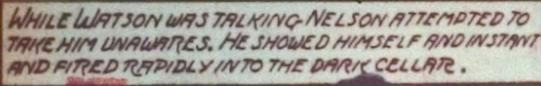




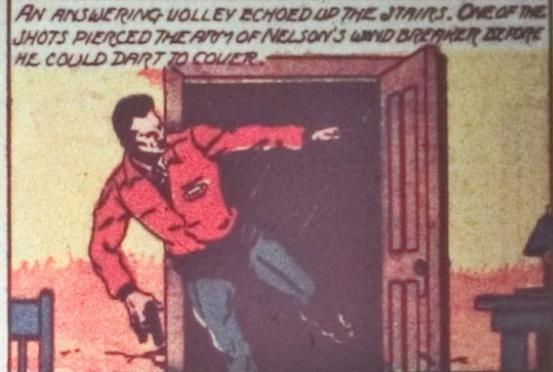




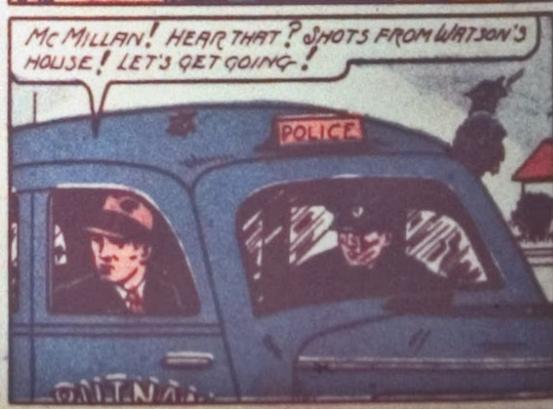






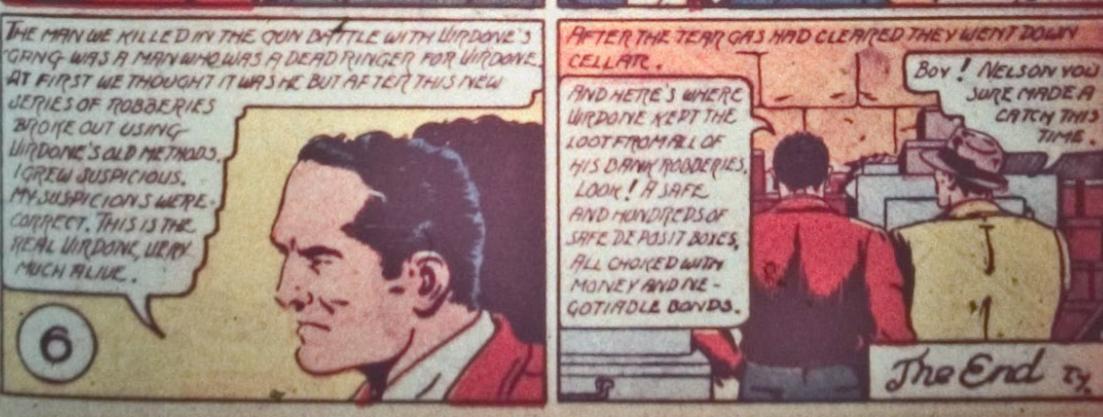




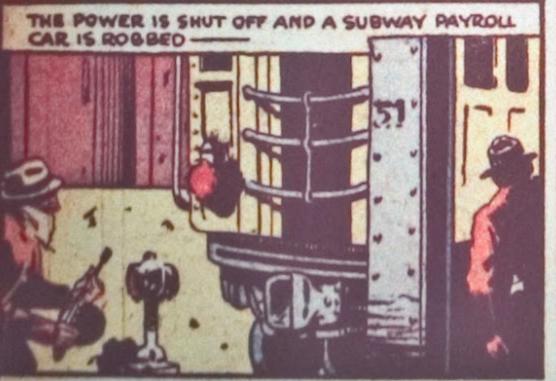








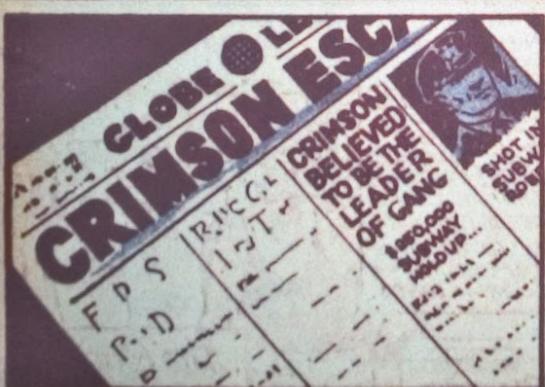


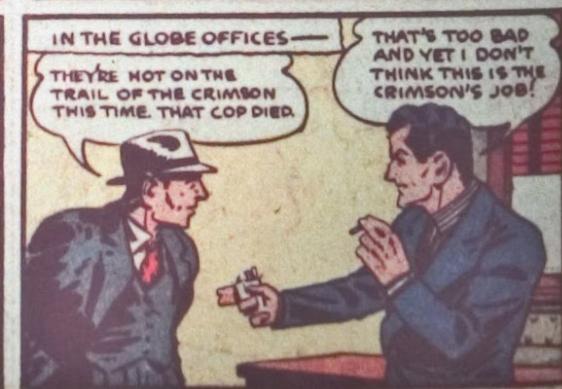




















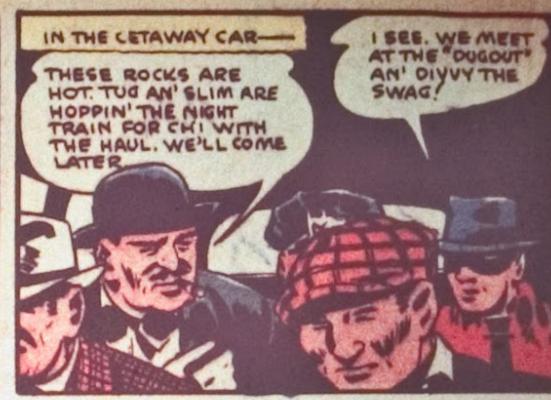






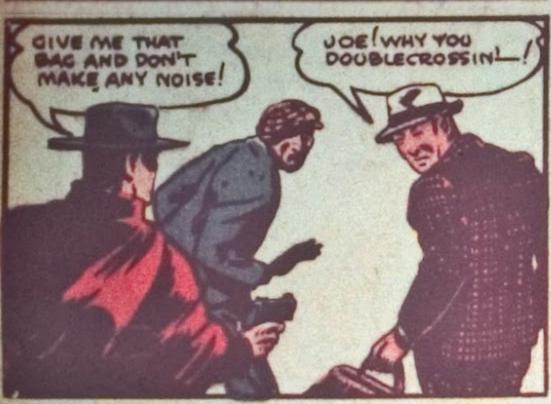
















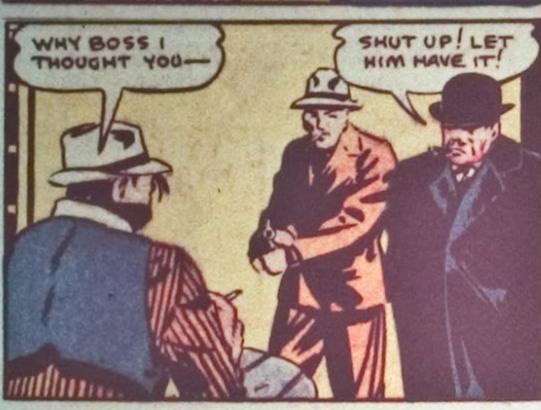


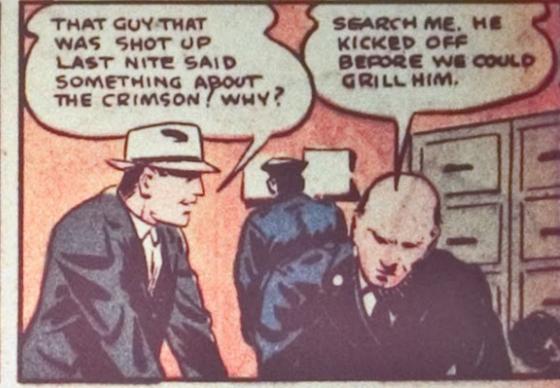




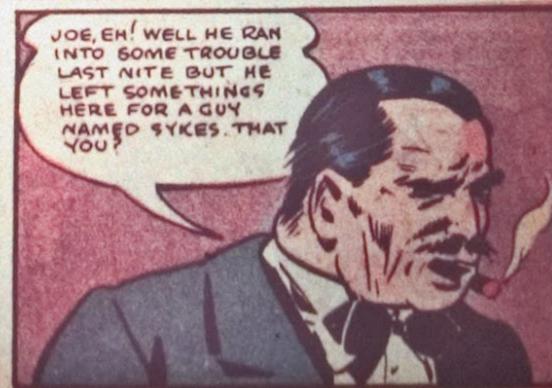














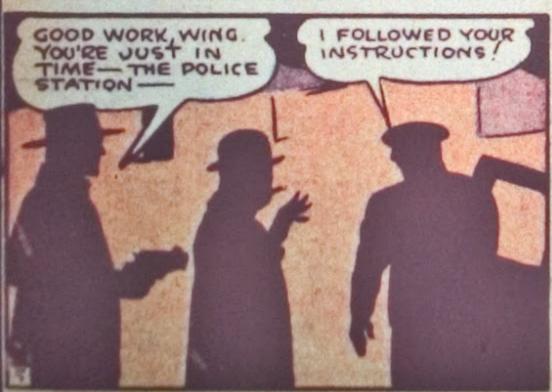












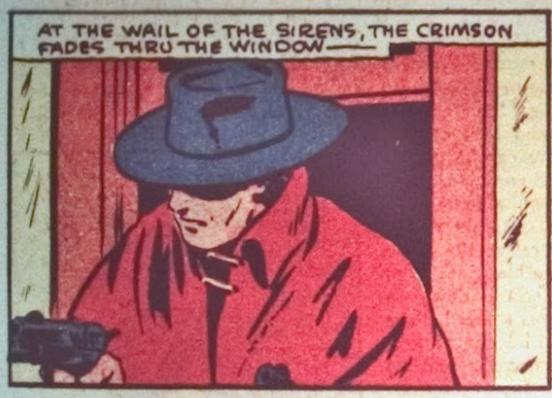


















HE kindly faced, white haired gentleman, bent with age and supported by an ebony cane, approached Miss Benson's desk. The comely young lady was secretary to Henry Sumner, president of the wealthy and famous jewelry house of Halsey Bryant and Company.

"I would like to see Mr. Sumner,

please," the elderly man said.

"Have you an appointment?" ask-

ed the secretary.

"Yes, indeed," the man replied. "I spoke to Mr. Sumner yesterday on the phone. We made an appointment

for this morning."

"Will you have a chair and I'll see if Mr. Sumner is busy?" The young lady entered the president's private office and reappeared shortly.

"Mr. Sumner will see you immediately. Won't you step in?" Miss Benson held the door open and closed it when the aged gentleman had passed through.

Back of a large, glass topped desk sat Mr. Sumner, florid and hearty. He rose instantly and offered the white haired man a comfortable lea-

ther seat.

"I'm very happy you came, Mr. Browne," said the president, "Now tell me a bit more clearly what you wish me to do for you. You mentioned something on the phone yesterday about appraising a valuable string of pearls, is that correct?"

The old man dug into his coat and drew out a long, velvet box. "Yes, you're quite right, Mr. Sumner. This particular string has been in the family for many generations and though I feel as if I'm committing

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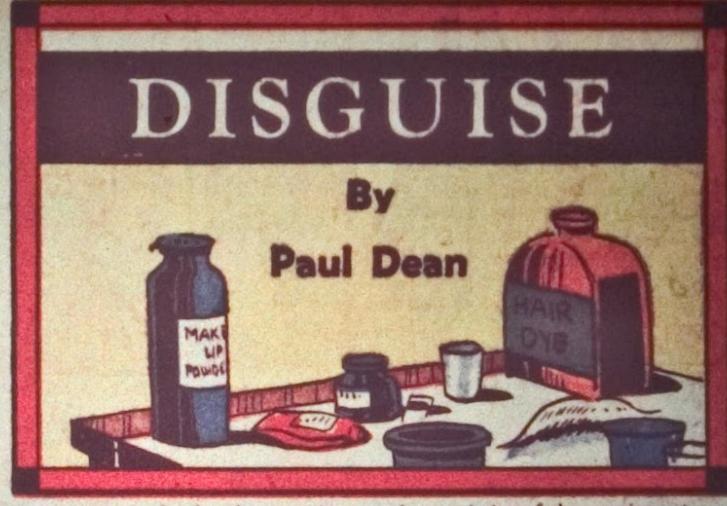
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a grievous sin by breaking a timehonored tradition, I must of necessity dispose of it. The bonds and other investments I hold are practically worthless and these pearls are the last of a once wealthy estate. However, in this day and age one must make his own livelihood and that is why I would like to have you appraise the string to ascertain its true worth, before I place it on the market for public sale."

"May I see the string?" asked

Sumner.

The elderly man opened the case and lifted out a string of beautifully matched pink pearls. Sumner took them in his hand and bent over to scrutinize them more carefully . . . and that was the last conscious thing he remembered for quite some time.

With a swiftness certainly not to be seen in aged persons, the white haired man grasped a blackjack trom his pocket and brought it down on the back of Sumner's head. The president slumped in his chair senseless, the pearls slipping through his fingers onto the glass top of the desk.

Silently, the white haired man leaped from the desk and tip-toed across the carpet to the door. He turned the key without a sound. He crossed the floor again to the large safe that stood in the corner of the room back of Sumner's desk. A few expert twirls of the knob and presently the heavy door swung open, revealing numerous small compartments.

Very methodically, he emptied the contents of the trays on the top shelves of the safe into a thick cloth sack. There were diamonds, cut and uncut, emeralds, rubies and many

other varieties of the precious stones of the world . . . the whole haul being worth, in round numbers, close to \$500,000.

He replaced the trays in their pigeon-holes and closed and locked the safe. Returning to the desk, he picked up the string of pearls and dropped it in his pocket. Then taking out a small mirror, he carefully studied his facial features to see that they were as they should be. Satisfied, he took his belongings, cane, hat and gloves and walked to the door. He unlocked it as soundlessly as he had turned the key five minutes before, and stepped into the outer



As he was closing the door, he called back, presumably for the purpose of having Miss Benson hear: Thank you kindly, Mr. Sumner. I sincerely trust I'll have the pleasure of doing business with you again."

He shut the door to the private office and walked slowly past the secretary's desk. He smiled kindly and wished her a pleasant good-day. Ambling down the aisle between the jewelry counters, he opened the front door and was soon lost in the stream of people moving constantly past the store.

It wasn't until fifteen minutes later that Miss Benson walked into Mr. Sumner's private office and found the president sprawled over his desk, unconscious but still breathing.



N a small apartment in a squalid L. boarding house on the East side, the white haired man stood before mirror. Towel in hand, he industriously wiped off the make-up grease and powder that had been so cleverly applied as to deceive even the closest observer of the man's real age and identity.

He pulled off the white wig and brushed his own coal-black hair into place. From his appearance he was a man in the neighborhood of thirtyfive years of age, well-built and in

perfect condition.

"Well, Kurt Harvey, you did right well by yourself today," he said to his smiling reflection in the mirror. "Almost half a million in gems and practically as easy as taking a breath of air. Not bad at all, for a lew hours work. . . I'm mighty proud of you, Kurt!"

He packed all his clothes and placed the stolen jewels in a velvetlined leather belt around his waist. The wig was destroyed by the simple method of burning it. He adjusted his tie, put on his hat and left the apartment . . . "and for good," he

murmured to himself.

At the corner he called a taxi and gave the driver instructions to take him to the Imperial Steamship piers on West Street. He had purchased his ticket several months before, in preparation for just this event. On



the high seas he was virtually outside the arms of the law and once in Europe, they would never find him. He smiled proudly at his own cleverness and lit a cigarette.

He alighted at the pier, paid the driver off and made his way toward the gangplank. He was about to ascend when a hand was placed on his shoulder in a restraining fashion.

"Just one moment, Harvey," a voice said. "There are a few things

we'd like to ask you!"

The color drained from Harvey's face and he spun around to stare at two grim-looking detectives. They marched him into the small customs room at the end of the pier and without further ado, proceeded to search him. They found the stolen gems in the leather belt. All the strength left Harvey's body and he sank onto a chair, completely exhausted and unnerved.

"But how did you know?" he ask ed the detectives. "How did you fine out?"

"Very simply," one of them re plied. "When you opened Sumner" safe, you left a mark on the side of the door."

"I couldn't have left fingerprint

. . . I wore gloves!"

The detective laughed. "It wasn' a fingerprint . . . it was make-up powder! And from our records w knew that there are only three gen crooks who are clever enough an who have nerve enough to pull a joi like the Sumner one with the aid o disguise."

"But why me?" asked Harvey "What about the other two?"

"The other two are serving term in prison . . . you were the only on left!" And the detective placed th handcuffs on Harvey's wrists.

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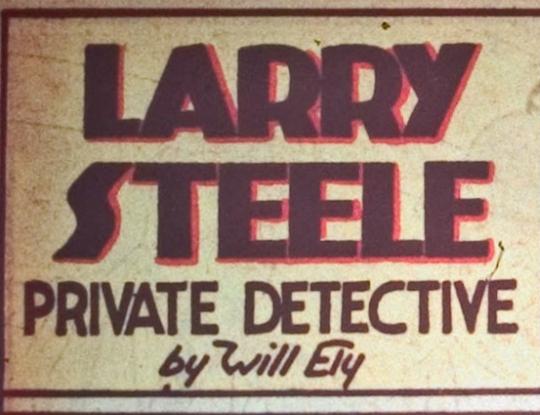
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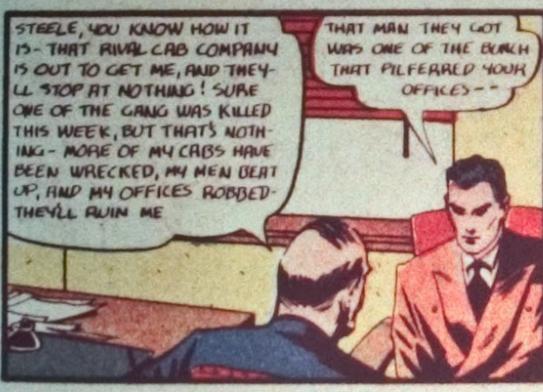


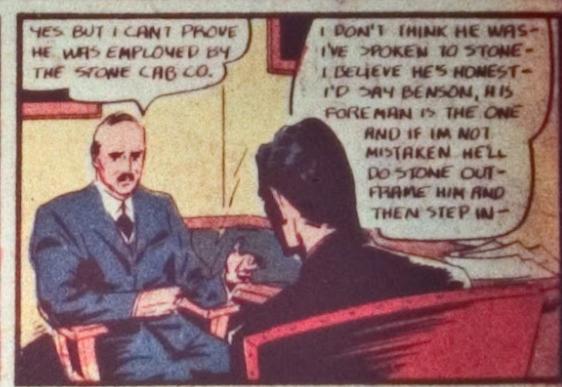


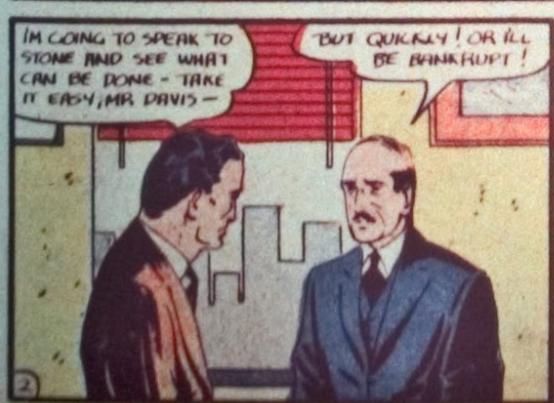




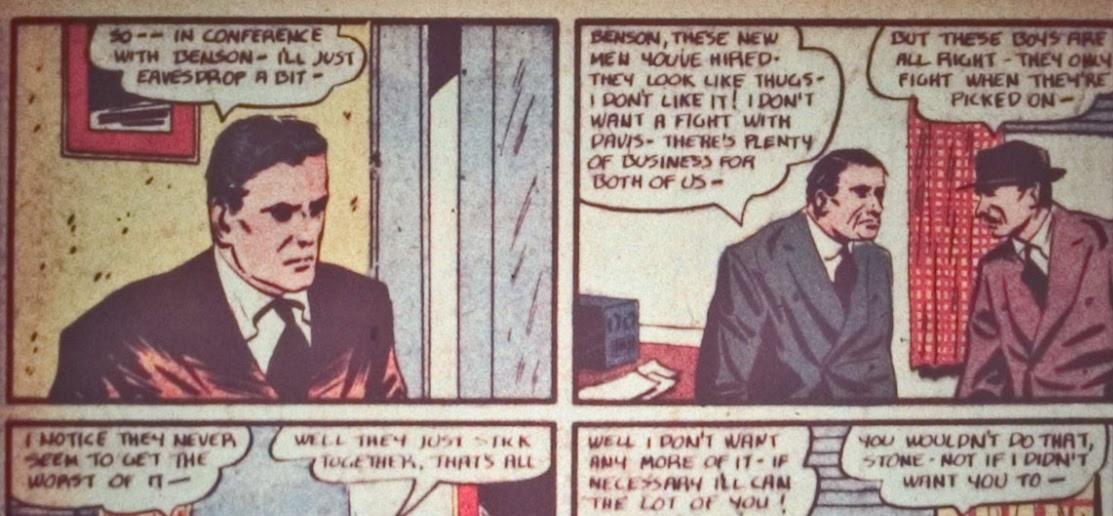




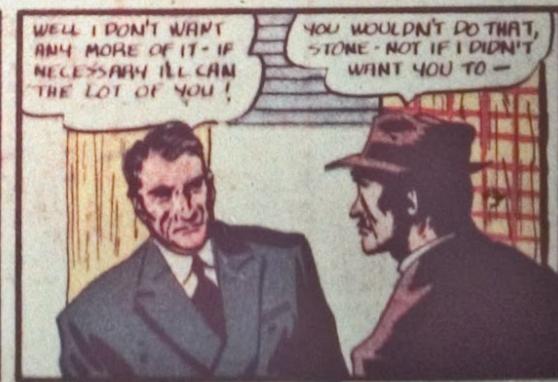










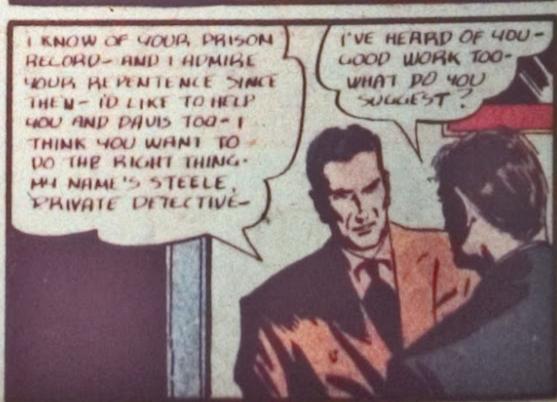


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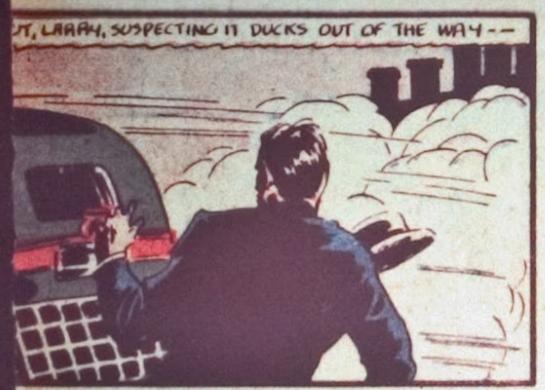










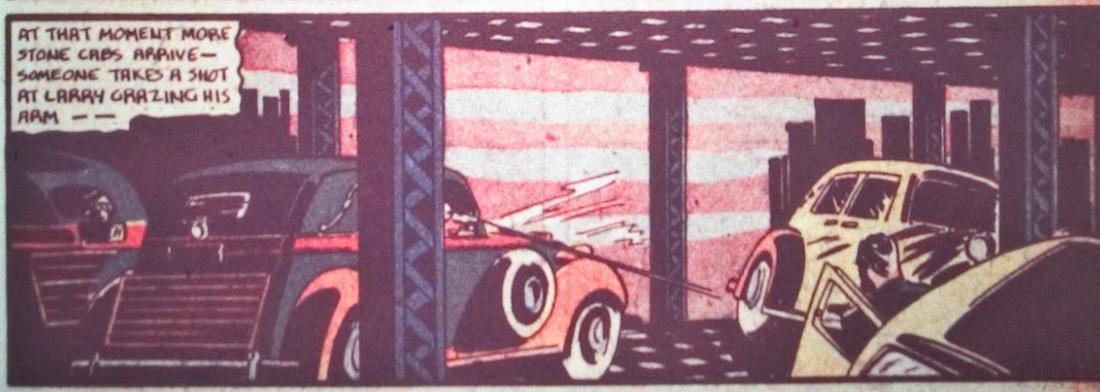










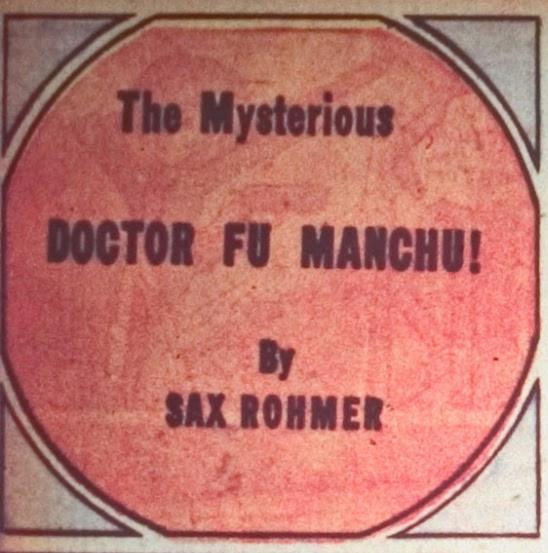


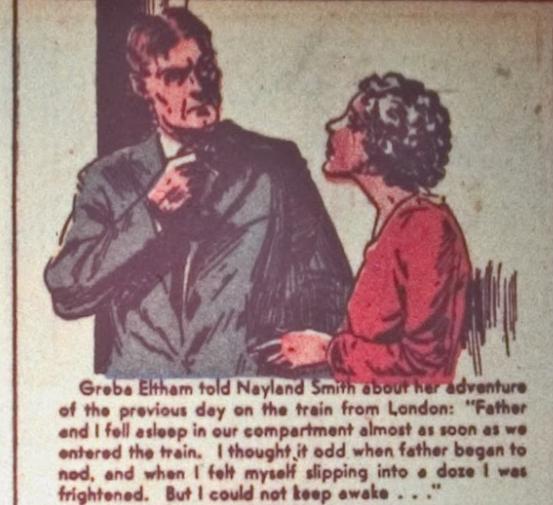




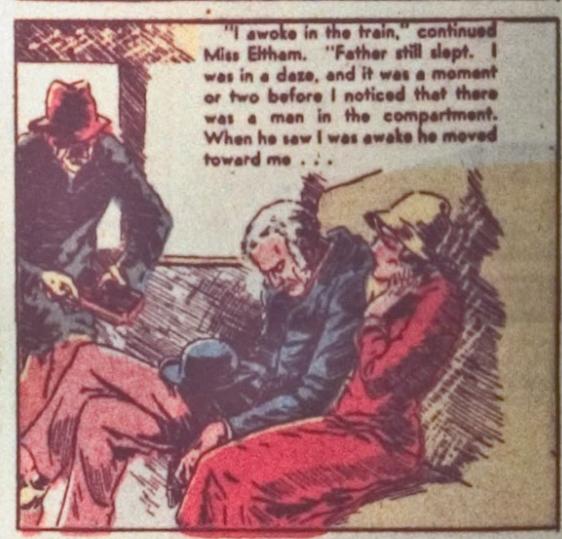


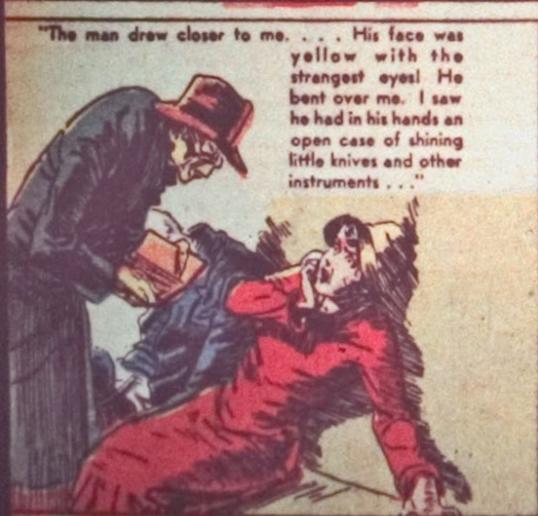






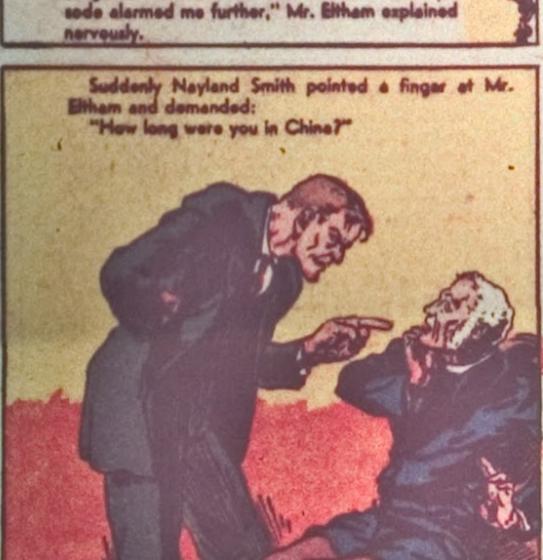


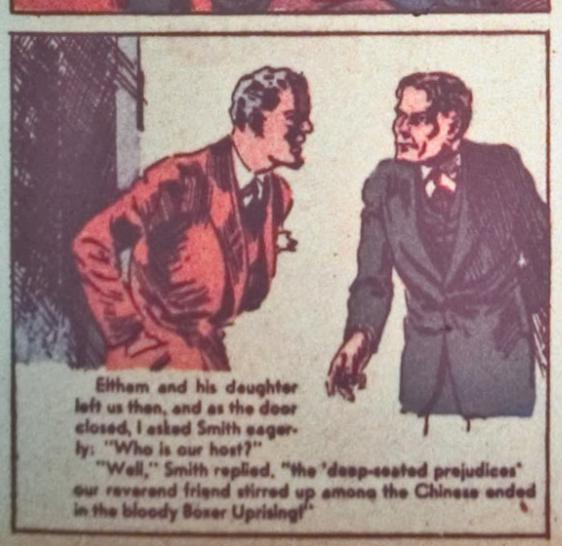


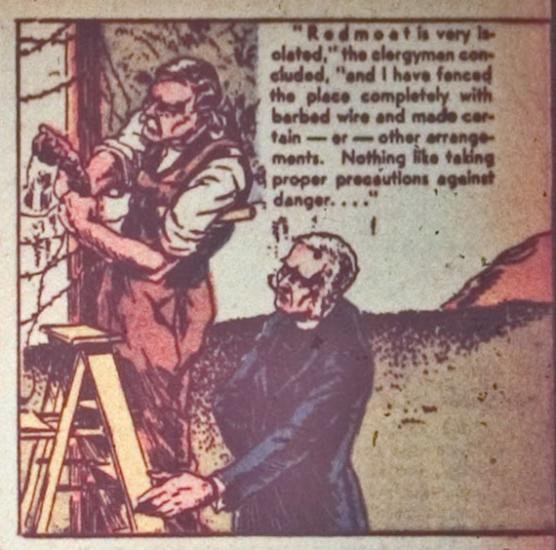




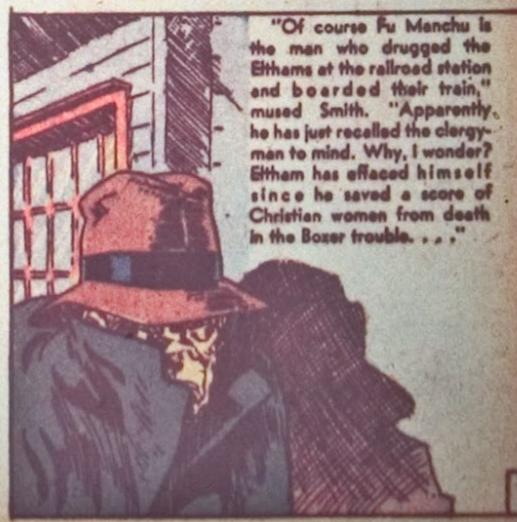


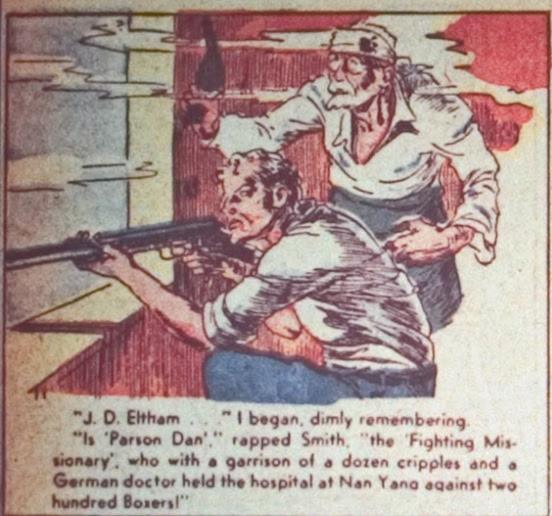


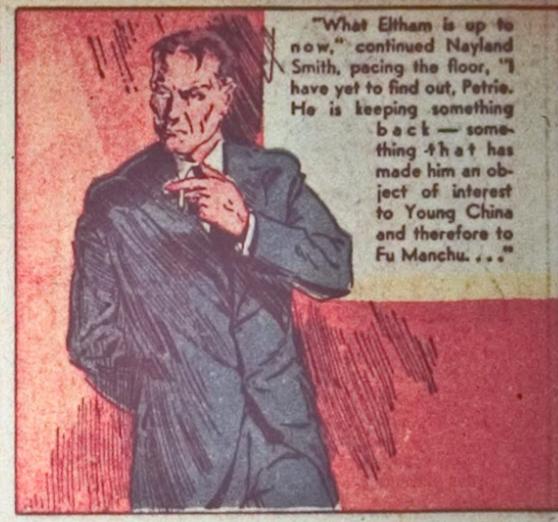


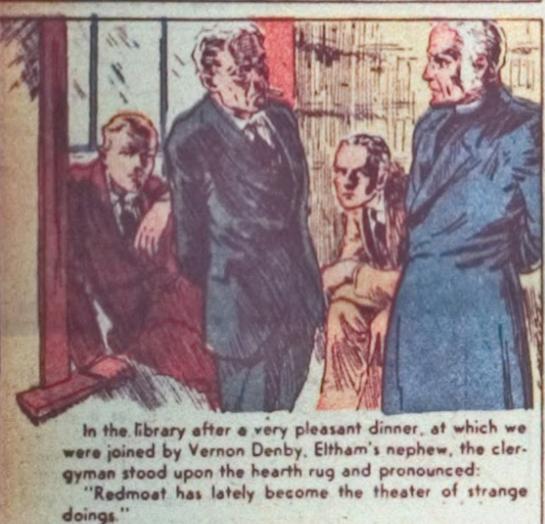






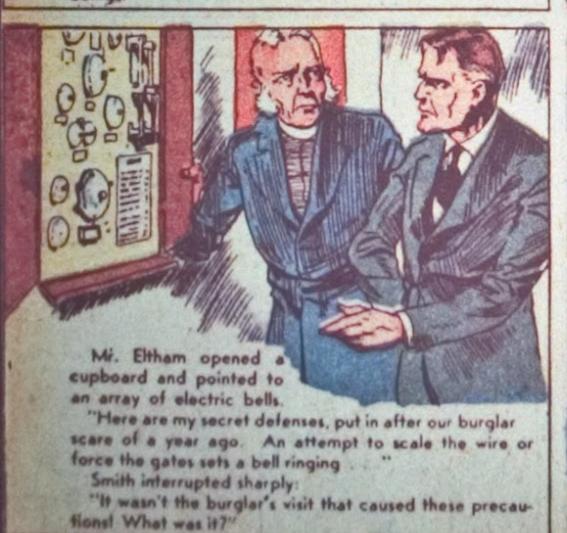




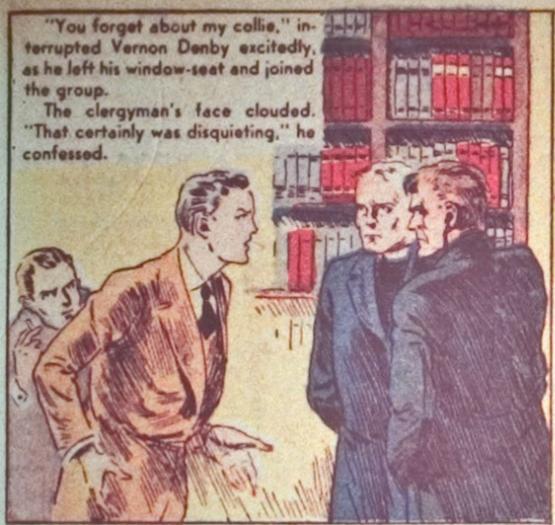


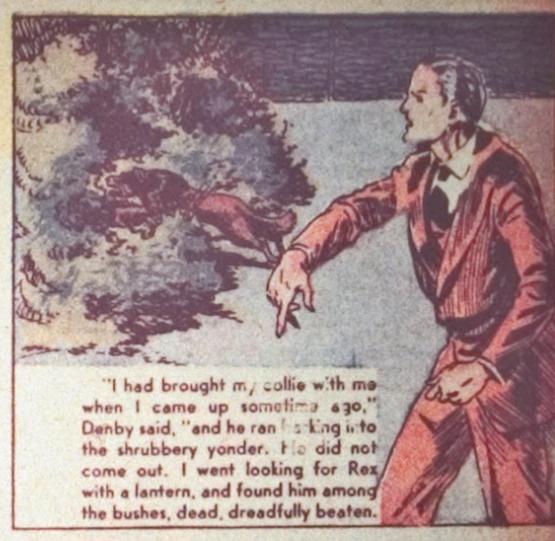
on, "is the one you used tonight, through a cutting in
the mound upon which the
house stands, twenty feet
above the road. A gate
opens upon ancient steps,
and there is another gate at
the top. The entire place is
surrounded by a twelve-foot
fence of barbed wire."

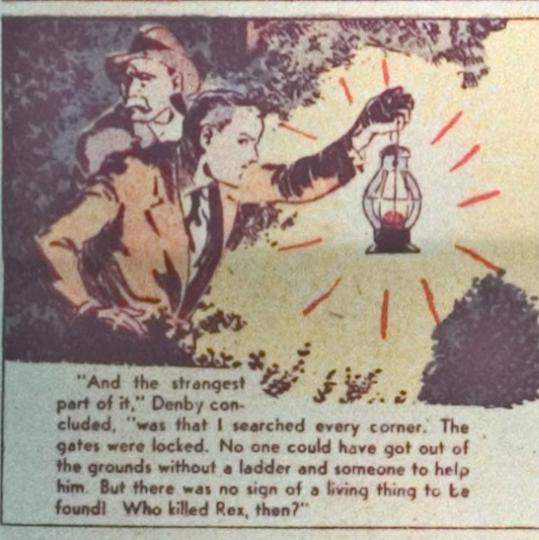
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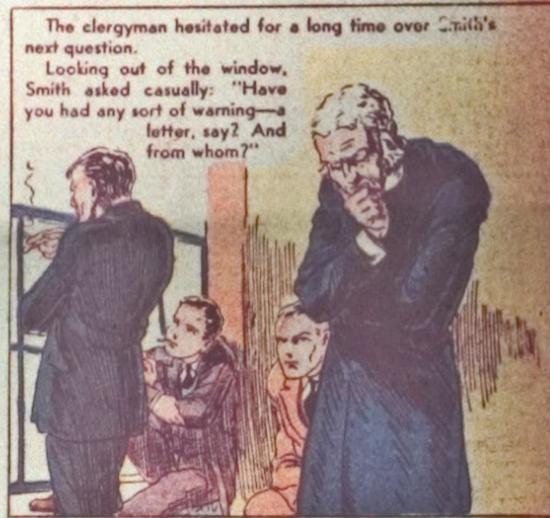














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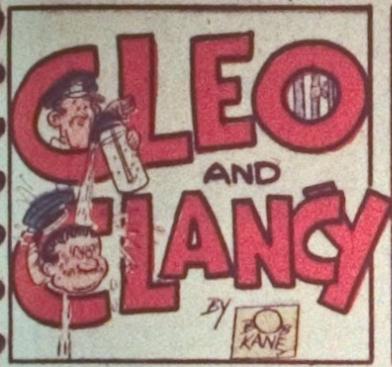


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THE FREIGHTER 'CORAL SEA' IS HEAVILY GUARDED AS AN ENORMOUS FORTUNE IN GOLD BARS IS BEING LOADED FOR A SEC RET ORIENTAL DESTINATION.



UNDER COVER OF NIGHT THE SHIP SLIPS OUT OF NEW YORK HARBOR



HE CALLS CAPTAIN ROBERTSON.



THE PASSENGERS BOOKED ARE CLOSELY CHECKED ON.



BEFORE DAYBREAK THE LOOKOUT ESPIES FLARE SIGNALS FAR ABEAM.



MI DIWOTE A ETI. YHW YAWL WITH TWO MEN ON IT.



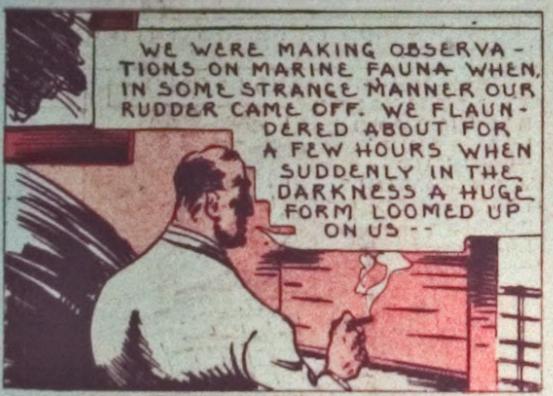






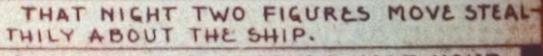


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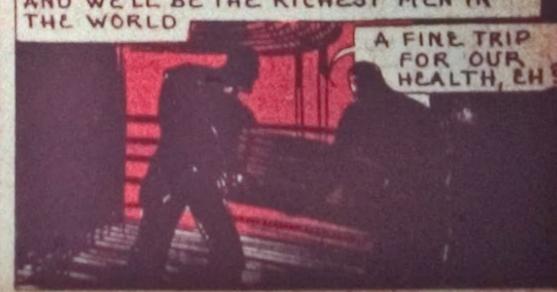




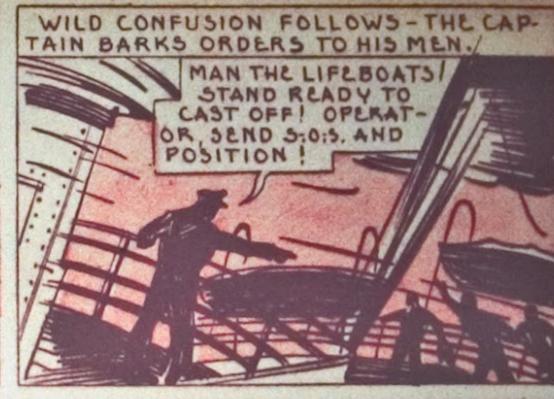




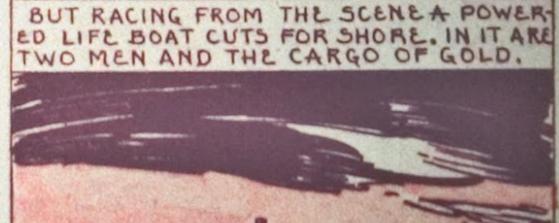
EASY NOW, DAN, ANOTHER HALF HOUR AND WE'LL BE THE RICHEST MEN IN THE WORLD A FINE TRIP









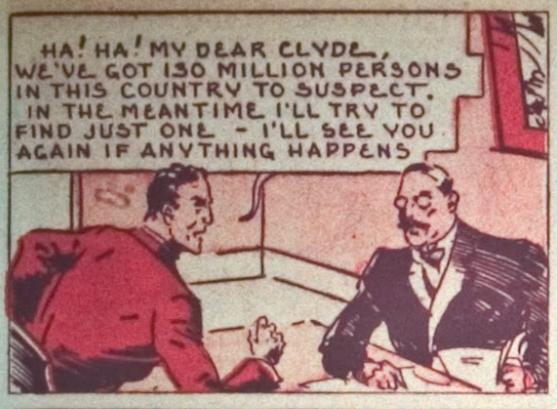




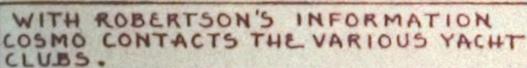














SEAMAN IS WATCHING THE ENTRANCE



WALKS RAPIDLY TOWARD EAST RIVER-THE SAILOR FOLLOWS HIM.



THE STRANGER BOARDS A FISHING -



SAILOR, LOITERING ABOUT.



WITH A FEW MORE MEN PICKED UP





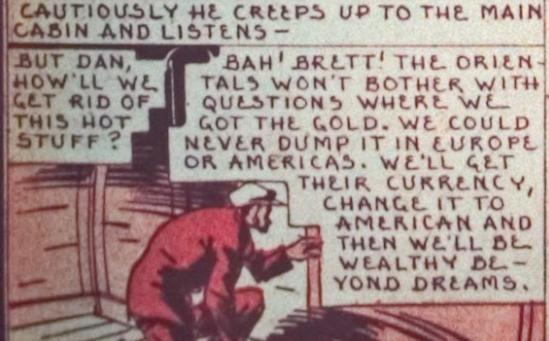




















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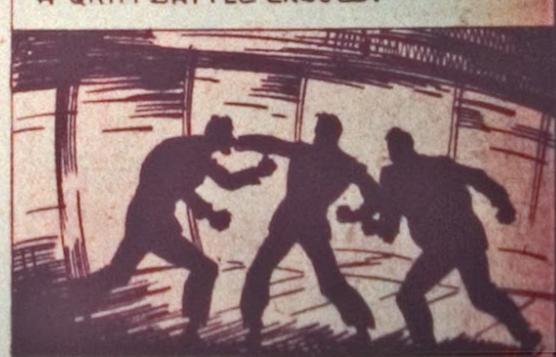


ASHORE COSMO SUMMONS THE HARBOR

SOMEHOW GOT WIND OF THIS GOLD SHIPMENT AND HATCHED UP A SMART SCHEME.
TO HIGHWACK IT BY FAKING A SHIPWRECK AND ALL THAT.



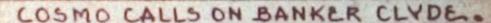
A GRIM BATTLE ENSUES.



COSMO DUCKS AND THROWS BRETT

IN FRONT OF HIM FOR A SHIELD.



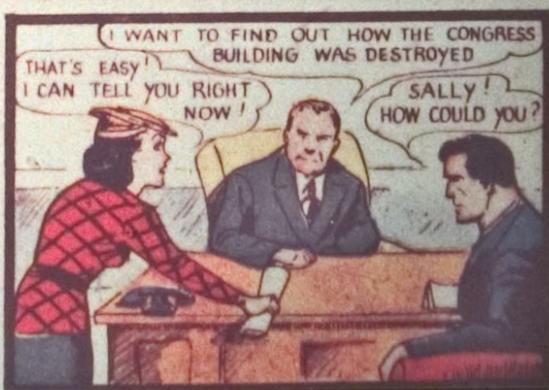










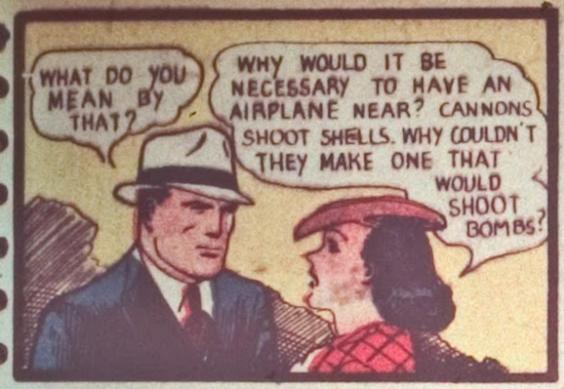




























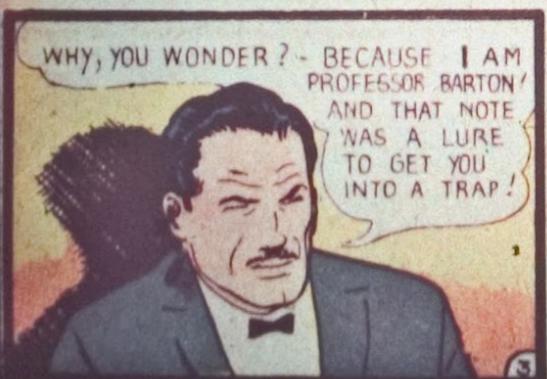


















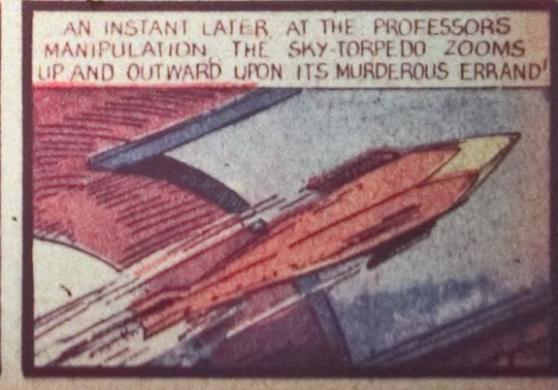














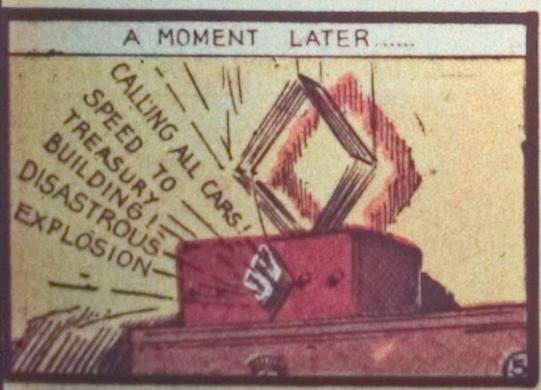






























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AND THE

BASKETBALL MYSTERY

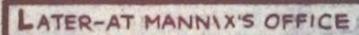
BY FRED GUARDINEER

PEED HAS BEEN CALLED ON THE PHONE BY MANNIX. MANAGER OF THE FAMOUS ROYALS BASKETBALL TEAM, MANNIX IS VERY MYSTERIOUS AND TELLS SPEED TO COME TO THE ARENA RIGHT AWAY SPEED LEAVES HIS HOTEL AND ...









SOMEONE'S WOR-

RIED ABOUT MY

INTEREST IN

SAUNDERS, WHAT HAPPENED ? LET ME TAPE THAT NASTY CUT /



THE ROYALS ARE PRACTISING FOR THEIR GAME WITH THE TIGERS ...

SO YOU THINK ONE OF YOUR REGULAR FORWARDS WAS BOUGHT OFF. MR MANNIX

YES, EITHER JOHNSON OR MULLER. WATCH AND SEE !



THE GAME GETS UNDERWAY -

AND WHO IS BEHIND THIS. MANNIX ?

I'VE GOT A HUNCH IT'S FARO FLEMING. THE BIG GAMBLER LOOK THERE HE



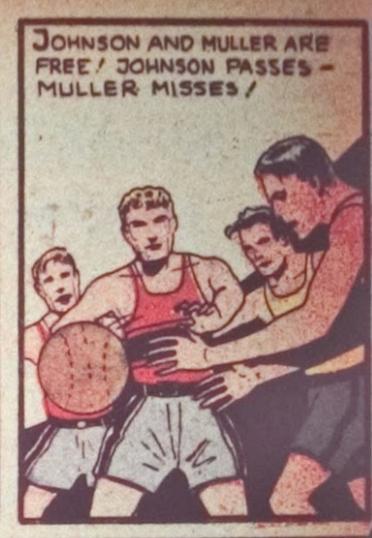
FARO FLEMING COOLY WATCHES THE GAME ...

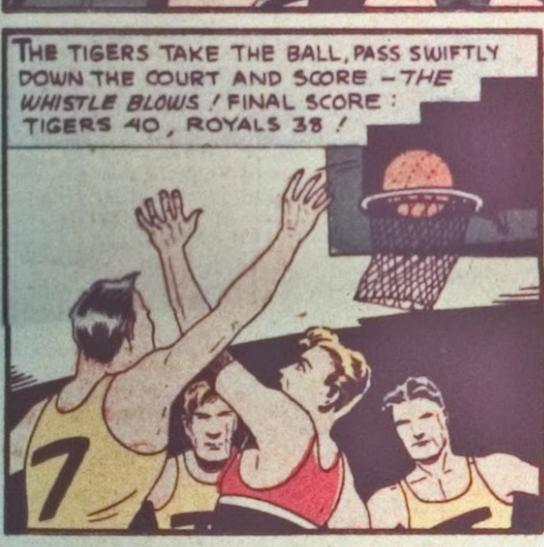


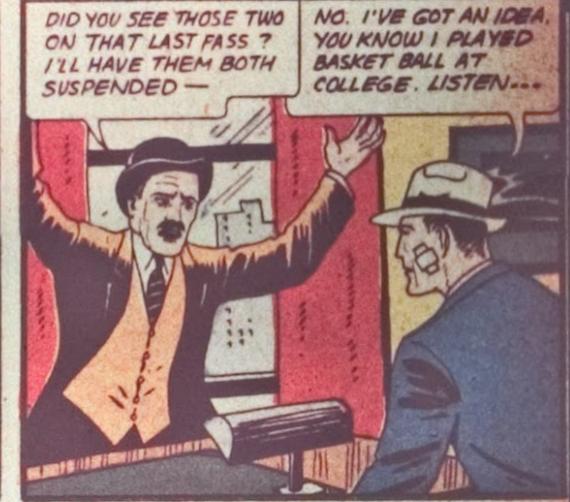
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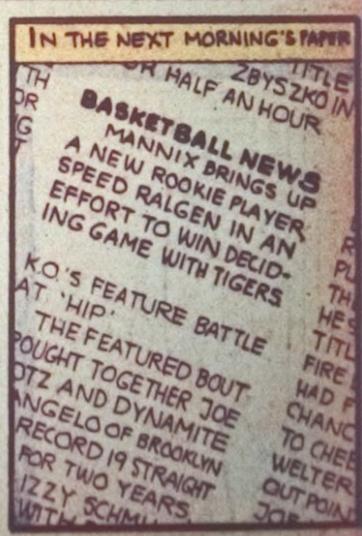












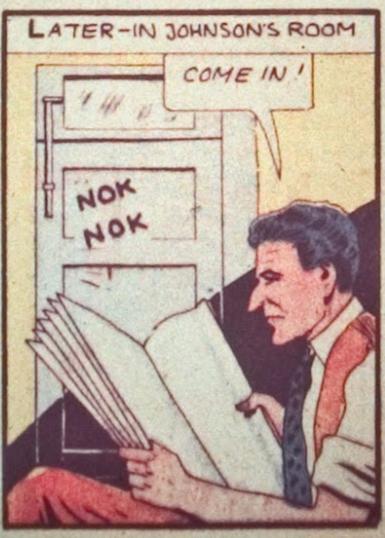


















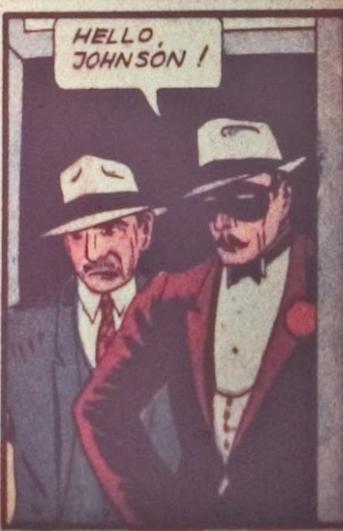




























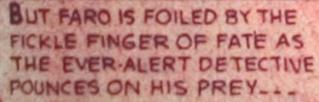


PREPARED FOR THIS SITUATION SPEED TIES A ROPE TO THE RADIATOR AND DESCENDS OUT OF THE WINDOW ___.



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